

SPF SIG Priority Focus Tool #3 Priority Selection Justification

LSAA Name: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Submission Date: _____

Individuals Involved in Decision: _____

This worksheet only needs to be completed by LSAA's that need to determine which of the two priorities they will focus on. The questions below should be answered after reviewing all of your available consequence and consumption data. The answers should reflect the decision of the entire Coalition or committee working on the needs assessment process, not that of one individual. Because this worksheet may not address all of the data you may have come across and factors you have considered, you should also make note of other observations and information that the questions below do not address. This tool will be submitted to the state as part of your plan.

1. *Overall, how does your LSAA compare to the state for ARMVC? Is your problem bigger, smaller or about the same? Discuss the differences. Do you think the data accurately reflect the related problems in your community? Why or why not?*

2. *What does the trend data available for ARMVC suggest? Is the problem increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? How does this compare to the state trend?*

3. *Overall, how does your LSAA compare to the state for prescription drug related morbidity and mortality? Is your problem bigger, smaller or about the same? Discuss the differences. Do you think the data accurately reflect the related problems in your community? Why or why not?*

4. *What does the trend data available for prescription drug morbidity and mortality suggest? Is the problem increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? How does this compare to the state trend?*

5. *Do the consequences of one substance appear to be more of a problem than the other? Why?*

6. *Overall, how does your LSAA compare to the state for alcohol consumption? Is your problem bigger, smaller or about the same? Discuss the differences. Do you think the data accurately reflect the related problems in your community? Why or why not?*

7. *What does the trend data available for alcohol use suggest? Is the problem increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? How does this compare to the state trend?*

8. *Overall, how does your LSAA compare to the state for prescription drug misuse and abuse? Is your problem bigger, smaller or about the same? Discuss the differences. Do you think the data accurately reflect the related problems in your community? Why or why not?*
9. *What does the trend data available for prescription drug misuse and abuse suggest? Is the problem increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? How does this compare to the state trend?*
10. *Does the consumption of one substance appear to be more of a problem than the other? Why?*
11. *What other factors have you considered in deciding between the two priorities? Describe these below and which priority they suggest you lean towards.*
12. *Which priority will your LSAA focus on? Provide your rationale for both why you chose one and why you did not choose the other.*